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**Michael Machado, Executive Director
Delta Protection Commission
P.O. Box 530
Walnut Grove, California 95690**

Dear Mr. Machado,

On behalf of the Isleton Chamber of Commerce, we are writing to express strong support from the Isleton Community to acknowledge great benefits in seeking a Sacramento-San Joaquin Delta National Heritage Area Designation. Isleton has many preserved 19th Century era storefronts along historic Main Street, currently on the National Park Service Historic Registry as the Asian American Historic District. One of the historic district's storefronts is occupied by the Isleton Chamber of Commerce. Our Chinese "Tong" Building (social and fraternal organization) was featured on a July 2008 episode of the PBS program History Detectives.

The Isleton Chamber of Commerce established in 1935, has been working closely with the City of Isleton, the Isleton Brannan-Andrus Historical Society and also the California Preservation Foundation to develop and approve a Historic Preservation Plan and Ordinance to preserve our National Historic District and increase local heritage tourism. The Chamber of Commerce can potentially serve as a partner for the NHA by assisting in identifying cultural and historic resources, being a potential partner site, and outreach within the community.

A Sacramento-San Joaquin Delta National Heritage Area will be a valuable tool to recognizing the "Delta-as-a-Place" gaining visibility as a destination for recreation and tourism activities, thus assisting with both economic development and public education.

The Isleton Chamber of Commerce looks forward to actively participating with the Delta Protection Commission in assisting to help and build more support for preserving, protecting, and enhancing the Sacramento-San Joaquin Delta.

Sincerely,

**Jean Yokotobi
President**